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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF FURTHER PURGES

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1. THE SECURITY SERVICE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE GROWING LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH PURGES AND FORCED RETIREMENTS IN RECENT TIMES. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, ABOUT 25 FAIRLY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MAKHABARAT WILL BE RETIRED AS SOON AS THE JULY CELEBRATIONS ARE OVER. (THEY WILL BE NEEDED DURING THE FESTIVITIES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ALL THE VISITING DIGNITARIES AS WELL AS THE GOG'S PERSONALITIES.)

2. PARTY AFFILIATION, OR THE LACK OF IT, SEEMS TO BE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRITERIA APPLIED IN DECIDING WHO SHOULD BE MOVED OUT. YOUNGER CARD-CARRIERS ARE REMORED TO BE ANGRY AT THE NUMBER OF UPPER-LEVEL JOBS ENCUMBERED BY NON-BAATHIS, AND THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES ARE A GOOD TIME TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THEIR CONCERNS.

3. COMMENT: THERE MAY WELL BE OTHER REASONS FOR TTU

PURGE, BUT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BQUSERIOUS GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE WORK INVOLVED. ANY SUGGESTION OF IMPROPRIETY IN THE SECURITY SERVICE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE HANDLED THROUGH THE RETIREMENT MECHANISM. PECK

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